

Senate Resolution 251

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Johnson of the 1st, Thomas of the 2nd and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its one-hundredth
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, has a long,
4 distinguished history of service to its congregation and to the community, providing comfort,
5 understanding, and guidance to individuals from all walks of life; and

6 WHEREAS, the church has remained steadfast and vigilant to its purpose expressed in the
7 Gospel of Matthew, which commands, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
8 them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to
9 observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"; and

10 WHEREAS, the church was founded on September 6, 1907, by Pastor Cato Priester, who
11 faithfully led the church for 38 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Priester was succeeded by Pastor L.L. Smalls, who provided loving
13 guidance to the church for another 23 years, followed by Pastor Willie Gwyn, the church's
14 third divinely inspired leader who served until 1991, when Pastor Frederick Alan Fearbry
15 became the fourth great inspirational leader to the church; and

16 WHEREAS, from January 2000 until the present day, the church congregation is blessed to
17 serve under the tremendous spiritual leadership of Bishop K.E. McNeal, who celebrates his
18 seventh glorious year with the Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, over these 100 years the congregation has been blessed and the members of this
20 loving church have witnessed countless souls added to the household of faith by way of
21 baptism, restoration, and Christian experience and the members of this church remain faithful
22 to its mission "to bring the unsaved and the un-churched to Jesus Christ..."; and

1 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the spiritual cornerstone set by the dedicated
2 members of this great church and the positive leadership and ideals the church has provided
3 to Georgia's citizens be properly honored and remembered as it celebrates its one-hundredth
4 anniversary.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 recognize Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church on the momentous occasion of its
7 one-hundredth anniversary, express their appreciation for the church's fine Christian history
8 of community service, and convey their sincere best wishes for continued growth.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Happy Home Missionary Baptist
11 Church.